

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 2-11, 13-24, 26 and 27 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-27 are amended for clarity and consistency. This Amendment incorporates the amendments set forth in the March 30, 2006 Amendment After Final Rejection, which was entered only for purposes of appeal according to the April 7, 2006 Advisory Action. The amendments contained herein are the same as presented in the March 30 Amendment, except for additional amendments made to claims 1 and 25 for clarity.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in a April 12, 2006 teleconference. In the teleconference, the Examiner indicated that the amendments contained herein appear to further clarify the claims and address the Examiner's concerns, subject to further consideration of the written submission.

The April 7, 2006 Advisory Action states that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been withdrawn. The Advisory Action maintains the rejection of claims 1, 12, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gilmour (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,709). The rejection is respectfully traversed. The arguments set forth in the March 30, 2006 Amendment After Final Rejection are incorporated herein.

As discussed in the April 12 teleconference, independent claims 1 and 25 are amended for clarity to emphasize that the recitation of "one of the plurality of operators" is not merely a descriptor of the operator-specific documents. With that clarification, the interpretation of Gilmour presented in the Advisory Action is not relevant to claims 1 and 25. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Applicants also request the rejoinder of at least claims 2-4, 8-11, and 13-24 because these claims depend from claim 1, thus making claim 1 a generic claim for the embodiments relating to these claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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